

SENATE BILL No. 535

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-7-26.7-5; IC 3-11-4-5.1.

Synopsis: Voter identification number. Requires an application for an absentee ballot to instruct a voter that the voter must provide the voter's voter identification number on the application. Requires that the form must inform the voter that the voter can access the online statewide voter registration system or call a telephone number provided on the form to find the voter's voter identification number. Requires that the online voter registration system must enable a voter (regardless of how the voter registered to vote) to recover the voter's voter identification number. Requires the secretary of state to mail to each Indiana voter during 2016 information telling the voter: (1) the voter's voter identification number; (2) that a voter must provide the voter's voter identification number on an absentee ballot application; (3) how a voter may subsequently find the voter's voter identification number from the statewide voter registration system; and (4) any other information the secretary of state considers useful to educate voters about voter identification numbers or absentee voting.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-7-26.7-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.120-2009,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state, with the consent of
4 the co-directors of the election division, shall establish a secure Internet
5 web site to permit individuals described in section 1 of this chapter to
6 submit applications under this chapter.
7 (b) The secure web site established under subsection (a) must allow
8 an individual described in section 1 of this chapter to submit:
9 (1) an application:
10 (A) for registration as a first time voter in Indiana; or
11 (B) to change the individual's name, address, or other
12 information set forth in the individual's existing voter
13 registration record; and
14 (2) information to establish that the applicant is eligible under
15 section 1 of this chapter to register online.
16 (c) **The secure Internet web site established under subsection (a)**



1 **must enable a voter (regardless of the means by which the voter**
 2 **registered to vote) to do the following:**

3 **(1) Recover the voter's voter identification number after the**
 4 **voter enters a personal identification number or after**
 5 **performing other appropriate security protocols.**

6 **(2) Reset:**

7 **(A) the voter's personal identification number described in**
 8 **subdivision (1); or**

9 **(B) other information required by the security protocol.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-4-5.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.64-2014,
 11 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 12 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5.1. (a) The commission shall prescribe the form
 13 of an application for an absentee ballot. **The form must provide for**
 14 **giving the information described in section 2(c) and 2(d) of this**
 15 **chapter.**

16 (b) This subsection does not apply to the form for an absentee ballot
 17 application to be submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or
 18 overseas voter that contains a standardized oath for those voters. The
 19 form of the application for an absentee ballot must do all of the
 20 following:

21 (1) Require the applicant to swear to or affirm under the penalties
 22 of perjury that all of the information set forth on the application
 23 is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief.

24 (2) Require a person who assisted with the completion of the
 25 application to swear to or affirm under the penalties of perjury the
 26 statements set forth in section 2(f) of this chapter.

27 (3) Serve as a verified statement for a voter to indicate a change
 28 of name under IC 3-7-41. The form must require the applicant to
 29 indicate the applicant's previous name.

30 (4) Set forth the penalties for perjury.

31 (c) The form prescribed by the commission shall require that a voter
 32 who:

33 (1) requests an absentee ballot; and

34 (2) is eligible to vote in the precinct under IC 3-10-11 or
 35 IC 3-10-12;

36 must include the affidavit required by IC 3-10-11 or a written
 37 affirmation described in IC 3-10-12.

38 (d) The commission shall approve absentee ballot application forms
 39 that comply with this subsection and section 2(g) of this chapter and
 40 permit the applicant to indicate a change of name under subsection (b).
 41 The form prescribed by the commission must ~~request that~~ **instruct** a
 42 voter who requests an absentee ballot



(1) provide the last four (4) digits of the voter's Social Security number; or

(2) state that the voter does not have a Social Security number.

The form must indicate that the voter's compliance with this request is optional: that the voter must provide the voter's voter identification number. The form must also inform the voter that the voter can find the voter's voter identification number by either of the following:

(1) Calling the secretary of state's office at a telephone number:

(A) provided by the secretary of state; and

(B) printed on the form.

(2) From the secure Internet web site established under IC 3-7-26.7-5. The form must give the address of the web site and any other instruction the voter may need to interact with the web site.

(e) An application form submitted by a voter must:

(1) comply with subsection (d); or

(2) be an earlier approved version of an application form authorized for use on June 30, 2013.

(f) The form prescribed by the commission must include a statement that permits an applicant to indicate whether:

(1) the applicant has been certified and is currently a participant in the address confidentiality program under IC 5-26.5-2; and

(2) the applicant's legal residence is at the address set forth in the applicant's voter registration.

If the applicant confirms these statements, the applicant may indicate the address of the office of the attorney general as the address to which the absentee ballot is to be mailed.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) After June 30, 2016, and before September 1, 2016, the secretary of state shall mail to each Indiana voter information telling the voter the following:

(1) The voter's voter identification number.

(2) That a voter must provide the voter's voter identification number on an absentee ballot application.

(3) How a voter may subsequently find the voter's voter identification number from the statewide voter registration system as provided in IC 3-7-26.7-5.

(4) Any other information the secretary of state considers useful to educate voters about the following:

(A) Voter identification numbers.

(B) Absentee voting.



1 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.**

